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REPORT MORE CASH

BUSINESS MEN HUSTLING FOR MINING CONGRESS.

STILL CHANCE TO SUBSCRIBE

Association Meets and One Detailed Statement Is Submitted—Others Declare, However There Is Encouraging Progress.

Though all the subscription lists were not presented at the meeting of the Business Men's association last night it was announced that the pledges for the meeting of the International Mining congress, to be held in Butte next year, had materially increased.

The Miners' union is likely to pass upon the matter of its subscription for the congress this evening.

Judge Speer and D. J. Hennessy and J. E. Rickards were appointed a week ago as a committee from the association to wait upon the union with reference to the matter of the congress, but as the volume of business before the union was great the matter of subscribing for the congress was put over for one week.

Much Encouragement Offered.

Mr. Rickards offered encouragement to those present by stating that Messrs. Lee Mantle, Henry Mueller and himself had seen Mr. Scallon and that the president of the Anaconda company had said that the subscription of the company would be available at any time. Mr. Rickards, however, was not in a position to give the amount of the company's subscription.

Ben E. Harris gave the information that Mr. Brophy and himself had made another canvass of the territory assigned to them and had increased their total list.

However, Mr. Harris said that it was the intention to go over the ground still another time, as there were yet business men whom they had not succeeded in meeting.

Additional Subscriptions Reported.

Additional subscriptions to Mr. Cannon's list were shown to the extent of \$372.50, this being the report:

W. A. Clark & Brother	\$100.00
C. W. Clark	100.00
Gerald's cafe	5.00
Louis S. Cohn	5.00
Crescent grocery	10.00
Caplice Commercial company	10.00
Morehouse & Albertson	10.00
Friedrich-Harrison company	5.00
Carl Engel	5.00
George W. Irvin	5.00
D. W. Tilton	2.50
E. H. Irish	5.00
T. M. Grady	2.50
M. P. McInerney	2.50
Fred M. Ferrell company	5.00

The Clark mines, Mr. Cannon informed the meeting, would subscribe to the fund in the same proportion as the other mining companies.

Pledge Is Raised.

Chairman Rickards said the secretary and himself had notified the secretary of the International Mining congress that the \$3000 pledged by the Business Men's association had been raised.

Under a suspension of the rules J. E. Oppenheimer was chosen as a member of the association.

The meeting adjourned without discussing the question of railroad consolidation in this state which was to come up. The Daly Memorial association wanted to occupy the room where the meeting was held and the railroad question consequently went over until Monday evening.

If you want "your old man" to be in good humor all the time, after every meal serve him with a Harvard cigar. All Havana filler.

COUNTY CLERK WESTON.

Files His Monthly Report for November.

County Clerk Weston has filed his monthly report of the work done in his office for the month of November.

The receipts of the office for November were next to the largest month's receipts ever taken in. High water mark was reached by the office last month. The report is as follows:

Miscellaneous instruments recorded and indexed, \$88. Deeds recorded and indexed, \$446.20. Mortgages to be recorded and indexed, \$182.55. Notices of location and so forth, \$104. Proof of labor, \$58. Instruments filed and indexed, \$136.50; certified copies and abstracts, \$136.95; acknowledgments and so forth, \$29.75; marginal satisfactions, \$19.75; total, \$1,283.

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BUSINESS MEN TO HELP DALY MEMORIAL PROJECT.

MEET AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Men Are Assigned to Take Subscriptions in Each Ward of the City—Results Are Encouraging.

Some of the committees appointed at the meeting of the business men's committee of the Daly Memorial association last night began work this morning and the results obtained are encouraging.

Each day brings more money into the hands of the association and reports of the amounts received will be made from time to time.

H. L. Frank presided at the meeting of the committee last night, at which a campaign among the business houses of the city was planned.

The system, as outlined at the meeting, will be for a committee appointed for the purpose to make a canvass of each ward to get subscriptions for the memorial, which, as Mr. Frank explained last evening, will cost about \$25,000, and be erected on North Main street.

After the committees were selected it decided to meet Friday evening, December 13, to hear reports from the bodies appointed.

The committees are made up in this way:

First ward—Alderman Larry Duggan, John Ferns, P. J. McArthur.
 Second ward—J. H. Leyson, J. G. Holland, J. T. O'Brien.
 Third ward—Alderman John Gleason, D. Dorais, A. F. Bray.
 Fourth ward—Alderman Abe Cohen, Jerry Mullens, J. T. Finlen.
 Fifth ward—Alderman J. F. Kelly, Charles Schmidt, John Driscoll.
 Sixth ward—Alderman H. Kroeger, D. J. Glard, Harry Synons.
 Seventh ward—Alderman P. H. Manchester, A. Reichle, Neal McDonald.
 Eighth ward—Alderman O. J. McConnell, William Gallick, C. H. Bowman.
 Meaderville—Fred Lohse, Edward Bowden, D. Bertoglio.
 Centerville—T. J. Bennetts, Richard Dwyer, P. J. Sullivan.
 Walkerville—Mayor John Murray, Joseph Broughton, E. A. Ford.

WERE FILED TODAY.

Gambling Informations Against Walker and Valentine.

Two gambling informations were filed in Judge McClernan's court today, one against John Valentine and one against Frank Walker.

Valentine is charged with conducting a stud poker game at 12 West Park street on November 22.

After the information was filed against him the court ordered a bench warrant issued for him.

Walker is charged with knowingly permitting a gambling game to be run on his premises at the number given. The place is a saloon. A bench warrant for Walker was also issued.

STRUGGLE FOR BOY

MRS. LILLIAN CREECH REFUSED CUSTODY OF HER CHILD.

BOY LEFT WITH AN EX-HUSBAND

Unpleasant Evidence at Hearing Before Judge Harney Today—Mrs. Creech May Have Child Later on Proper Showing.

The hearing in the matter of Mrs. Lillian Creech's application to the district court to be granted the custody of her child, Phillip Miller, Jr., who is about 5 years old, was held before Judge Harney this morning, and at its conclusion the court refused to take the boy out of the hands of his father, Phillip Miller, who had the custody of him under a previous order of the court.

Miller and Mrs. Creech were divorced a year or so ago, and the child was then put in Miller's hands. Recently Mrs. Creech, who had married Joseph Creech in the meantime, asked the court to give the child to her, having first kidnaped the boy and been compelled to return him to Miller's custody.

Series of Criminations.

The hearing was a series of criminations and recriminations and the history of the parties, much of it exceedingly unpleasant, was brought out. Mrs. Creech sat in tears part of the time, and part of the time she and Miller scowled at each other, as they sat on opposite sides of a table by their lawyers.

Mr. Farr, Mrs. Creech's lawyer, examined Miller as to whether his divorced wife had given him money or paid his room rent after his divorce from her, and he denied that she had.

"Did you not call often at your divorced wife's house, on Silver street alley, and receive money from her after the divorce?" Attorney Farr asked.

"No, sir," Miller replied.

Mr. Farr asked Miller if he had not lived in the Will house for three months with a certain woman. Miller denied this. The court interrupted, and said that it only wanted to hear about the condition of the boy in Miller's charge and his probable condition if given to the mother.

Her Age in Question.

Mr. Farr wanted to know what Mrs. Creech's age was when Miller married her. Miller said he did not know.

"Where was she when you met her?" Miller was asked.

"She came from Canada," Miller said. "How old was she?"

"I don't know; I haven't kept track of her age."

"Isn't it true she was only 16 years old when you married her?"

"She said she was 19," Miller replied.

Attorney Farr tried to extract information from Miller about what his treatment of Mrs. Creech was before they were married.

"Trace her back to Canada and see what she was—" Miller said.

"Never mind," the court said, cutting Miller off.

Discussion Shut Off.

The court shut off this line of discussion, and warned counsel not to persist in it.

Miller denied that his divorced wife had supported him with her earnings after their divorce.

Miller had three Frenchmen to testify that he was the better person to have the child. Two, Antonio Drusio and I. O. Roleau, were saloonkeepers, and the other, Fred Boyer, said he was a bartender.

The first two said they had seen Mrs. Creech tending bar at Creech's saloon. Drusio said this was within two months past, and Roleau said it was within one month.

Mr. Miller's Past.

Attorney Farr, in Mrs. Creech's behalf, introduced affidavits to show Miller's past character, and to show that he had been responsible for his divorced wife's life after they were divorced.

William Whitley, whose wife had charge of the boy, testified that Miller had provided the child with clothes.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Judge Harney said that it was very important that the boy have a good home. He added that the evidence showed that Mrs. Creech's home was not a good one for him at present, or, at least, very lately, as she had been tending bar.

For this reason he said he would not change the custody of the child for the present. He said, however, that he would be glad to give the child to Mrs. Creech, and that if she were in earnest in a desire to live properly, it would be easy for her to show it to the court later, when she would be given the child.

PERSONAL.

C. W. Robinson, a Dillon attorney, is registered at the Finlen.

J. R. Toole, a resident of Anaconda, is registered at the Thornton.

Miss Ellison, who lives in Livingston, is calling on her acquaintances here today.

Robert Barclay, who lives in Helena, is shaking hands with Butte friends today.

D. Marks, whose home is in the Capital City, is counted with the guests of Butte today.

E. B. Judd, a Great Falls resident, is looking after commercial matters here today.

Miss Pangborn, whose home is in Deer Lodge, is the guest of friends in this city today.

S. T. Ritchey and wife, whose home is in Garnet, are spending the day with friends here.

H. C. Guentsche, whose home is at Homestead, is shaking hands with old friends here today.

Alexander Bunnell, a resident of Marysville, is making business calls on his Butte friends today.

William Butler, who comes from Great Falls, is numbered with the outsiders who are spending the day in Butte.

C. W. Robinson, a young attorney of Dillon, is in town today. Mr. Robinson came to Montana two years ago, first settling in Livingston. He afterward removed to Dillon, and is rapidly climbing the ladder of success. He takes a hand in sports as referee and manager and is in Butte today to arrange a match between one of the three basket ball teams of Dillon and a team from one of the Butte schools.

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DUE TO CONSCIENCE

FRED WEY HAS HAD ANOTHER EXPERIENCE.

GETS BACK A STOLEN RING

It Had Been Carried to New Zealand—Note Accompanied the Jewelry Back—A Man Once Tried to Work Fred in Butte.

A. Fred Wey of Salt Lake, who had charge of the Finlen hotel in this city while that hostelry was being operated under the name, "McDermott," has just had another experience in Salt Lake. Mr. Wey is proprietor of the Wey hotel in that city and, as is the case with all hotel men, meets all classes of persons in the conduct of his business.

Experience in Butte.

He once had an experience in Butte, but it was not exactly of the same class as the one through which he has just passed in the City of Saints.

The experience, as related by the Salt Lake Herald, is as follows:

Mr. Fred Wey, proprietor of the Wey hotel, suddenly and unexpectedly found himself yesterday the custodian of a conscience fund.

A ring stolen at the hotel, no one knows precisely when, was returned to him from far off New Zealand, with a letter explaining the penitence of the taker.

Letter From a Woman.

The letter was in a woman's writing and was as follows:

"Christ's Church, New Zealand.
 "To the Proprietor, Wey Hotel:
 "Dear Sir—Some time ago, while passing through Salt Lake City, I stayed at your hotel, and while there I took this ring, which I enclose here. The time has come when I have to return it to your place, hoping it will find its rightful owner and trusting that I shall receive next occasion, I remain yours, etc."

"A PENITENT."

The ring is a handsome gold affair, with an imitation sapphire setting. The imitation stone is worthless, but the band is worth from \$7 to \$10. The hotel register contains an entry on September 4, in hand-writing similar to that in the letter. Beyond that fact there is no clew either as to the identity of the conscience stricken thief or the owner of the property.

No Complaint Made.

"I do not believe it was a case of technical theft, or I would have heard a complaint," said Mr. Wey last night. "Someone probably left the hotel and forgot the ring and afterwards supposed it had been lost elsewhere. The writer of this missive was probably the next occupant of the room, and picking up the ring, carried it off."

"I had such an experience before in Butte. A fellow sent me a money order for a considerable amount due me for a board bill he had 'jumped.' I was surprised at the time, but found out later that there was method in his madness. When he appeared on the scene it was

to start a gambling house, and I discovered he had done the conscience stricken act for no other purpose than to create sentiment and gain the influence of my friends. With this woman, however, it is obviously a case of natural honesty asserting itself."

Those who appreciate rare sweet sounds will not fail to attend Miss Skelly's concert at Sutton's Family theater Thursday night. Every one on the program is an artist.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Thornton—Mrs. R. M. Dwight, J. R. Toole, Anaconda; W. Bowers, Omaha; J. B. Clayberg, Helena; H. A. Forbes, San Francisco; H. F. Welsh, Helena; J. H. Conrad, Butte; Charles H. John, Milwaukee; Charles F. Retting, Grand Rapids; D. Marks, Helena.

At the Butte—W. M. Hull, "Mrs. LeMoyné" company; S. T. Ritchey and wife, Garnet; J. A. Browne, Browns; M. T. Clark, Chicago; E. F. Young, Minneapolis; H. C. Guentsche, Homestead; J. W. Douglas, Denver; H. Horne, San Francisco; R. G. Cooper, Missouri; H. G. Gregson, Pocatello; W. N. Coates, Detroit; H. Ganz, Kansas City.

At the Finlen—Miss Ellison, D. Boyle, Livingston; C. A. McClure, Quincy, Ill.; T. W. Shuttleworth, Denver; A. J. Sager, St. Paul; R. D. Beckam, Minneapolis; William Butler, Great Falls; J. C. Proctor, Idaho Falls; G. C. Rowan, Omaha; C. M. Conant, wife and boy, Minneapolis; J. E. Mauerhan, New York; R. J. Prince, Butte; Miss Pangborn, Deer Lodge; Alex Bunnell, Marysville; M. Harvey, San Francisco; E. B. Judd, Great Falls; C. W. Robinson, Dillon; H. Homewood, M. Clark, Chicago; R. J. Hayes, C. W. Winter, Anaconda; Robert Barclay, Helena; F. F. Blanchard, Milwaukee; Miss Bell, Miss Clancy, Miss Lewis, Miss Nerlyn, Butte.

The Wade Contest in Helena.

Quite a number of Butte men are going over to Helena to see the Jack Wade contest Friday. The commissary department of the special train will doubtless be well supplied with Centennial beer. "A million glasses a day!" Somebody likes it.

Cheap shows take money out of the city, a fine concert keeps the dollars at home. Attend Miss Skelly's concert Thursday night. Best program ever offered the public of Butte.

THIRD ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

Filed in Estate of John D. Thomas, Deceased.

The third annual account of the executrix, Mattie A. Thomas, of the estate of John D. Thomas, deceased, was filed in the district court today.

It shows the receipts and disbursements of the executrix in the estate from May, 1900, to April, 1901.

The total receipts were \$13,638.19. There was a year and a half ago, a balance in the estate of \$14,066.60.

The total amount of the year's receipts and this balance was \$34,054.07. The total disbursements during the year covered by the report were \$26,054.90.

The balance in the estate last April was \$7,999.11.